

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE BLIND STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is financially assisting the blind students;;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also providing hostel facilities in favour of the blind students particularly in Madhya Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the State Governments are also sharing financially, to help blind students particularly in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (f) if so, the details of guidelines thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (f) A number of activities for empowerment of persons with disabilities including blind are undertaken through the Non-Governmental Organisations, for which grants-in-aid are provided by the Government. With the help of grants-in-aid, Hostel facilities to the blind students of 74 schools/vocational training centres, including 4 centres in Madhya Pradesh, are being provided through the Non-Governmental Organisations.